GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:346
ANSWERED ON:07.04.2003
RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR
RAMPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

he steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the research being carried out in the agriculture sector reach the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 346 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th APRIL REGARDING RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR.

The steps taken to ensure that the benefits of the research being carried out in agriculture sector reach the farmers are as follows:

- Establishment of 291 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) for training of farmers and extension personnel, and conducting on-farm trials and frontline demonstrations. Besides, 53 Zonal Agricultural Research Stations have been strengthened to take up the additional functions of KVKs.
- Launched Institution-Village Linkage Programme for technology assessment and refinement in various farming systems in 70 centres.
- Establishment of 44 Agricultural Technology Information Centres to create a single window support system for providing technology products, diagnostic services and technology information to the farmers.
- Pilot testing of new institutional arrangements of Agricultural Technology Management Agency will focus on strategic planning, participatory approach, integrated extension delivery and application of information technology.
- Improving Research-Extension Linkages through National and State level interfaces.
- Use of print, audio-visual and electronic media.
- Human Resource Development through Training Support to Agriculture.
- Farm Women Development Programme.
- Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Extension.
- Establishment Agri-Clinic by Agriculture Graduate.